

**CORRECTED MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE & REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 414, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
Monday, January 29, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair
 Rep. Bryan D. Holladay, Co-Chair
 Sen. Dan Eastman
 Sen. Ed Mayne
 Rep. Eli Anderson
 Rep. Chad Bennion
 Rep. Cindy Beshear
 Rep. David Cox
 Rep. Peggy Wallace

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst
 Jonathan C. Ball, Fiscal Analyst
 Marilyn Reed, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: List filed with committee minutes.

Sen. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Holladay moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2001. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Reps. Bennion and Cox absent for the vote.

Labor Commission:

Commissioner Lee Ellertson and Workplace Safety Coordinator Pete Groesbeck made the annual report to the legislature on Work Place Safety and responded to questions asked by the committee at the January 26, 2001 meeting concerning the Department's media campaigns (see handout).

They explained the entire media program and reviewed some of the competing bids. The exemption to the English only initiative authorizing non-English where health and safety are concerned was also outlined.

Sen. Mayne praised the Department's ad program as a good investment and echoed the need for more investigators in the Anti-Discrimination Division.

Sen. Jenkins declared a conflict of interest.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to approve the Analyst's base budget recommendation for the Labor Commission of \$8,687,100. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to add two cars for inspectors (\$25,000 GF) to the funding priorities list. The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION: Sen. Eastman moved to add funding for Marketing Campaign for Work Place Safety (\$190,000 GF Restricted - Workplace Safety Account) to the priority list. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Eastman moved to add a programmer/analyst (\$84,500) to the funding priorities list. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Cox absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to add \$100,000 (one-time funding) for the Anti-Discrimination Division to the priority list. The motion passed unanimously.

Insurance:

Rep. Lockhart, assisted by Rob Perry, Health Underwriters Association, and Commissioner Merwin, Stewart, Insurance Department, addressed the fiscal note of \$80,000 on **H.B. 44** and fees that are being collected from insurance carriers in the State which are being given to the General Fund as surplus without receiving services they feel the Department should be providing.

Tax Commission:

Mary Lou Emerson, Division of Substance Abuse, and Marvin Dodge, USAAV Council Coordinator, passed out a handout which gives an accounting of where the Liquor Profit money is being spent and answered questions from the committee on why the committee should fund an additional \$1.7 million from the liquor profit distribution to restore funding to \$4.3 million.

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to restore funding to original \$4.3 million, thus adding \$1,741,000 to the funding priorities list. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bennion absent for the vote.

Insurance Department Budget Review:

Analyst Bill Greer reviewed the base budget recommendation and the related funding issues as outlined under green tab #6 in the committee's budget book

Commissioner Merwin Stewart, Insurance Department, responded that the funding for the COSMOS licensing is a high priority item and expressed the need for an actuary. Handouts giving a history of the "Insurance Department Budget Appropriations & Expenditures," "Insurance Department Revenue," "Insurance Department Facts," and the "2000 Annual Report to the Utah State Legislature: State of Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool" were given to the committee.

Deputy Commissioner Neil Gooch spoke to Rep. Lockhart's H.B. 44.

Department of Financial Institutions:

Analyst Greer reviewed the base budget recommendation and the related funding issues as outlined under blue tab #5 in the committee's budget book. He explained the funding is from a restricted account. His recommendation includes 10 FTE and the associated funding.

Commissioner Ed Leary, Financial Institutions, and Michael Jones, Financial Institutions, expressed support for Analyst Greer's budget recommendation.

Sen. Jenkins asked for a report on the need for \$14,000 for a copy machine to be presented at the next meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Eastman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Anderson and Bennion absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair

Rep. Bryan D. Holladay, Co-Chair